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Application No. 09/281,474

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on July 21, 2006. A review has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, this application is herewith being returned to the Examiner. The matter requiring attention prior to docketing is identified below:

The Examiner's Answer, mailed May 3, 2006, fails to list the relevant references applied in the rejections on appeal under the heading "(8) Evidence Relied Upon." See the Manual of Patenting Examining Procedure (MPEP) § 1207.02(A)(8). Correction is required.

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Accordingly, it is

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ORDERED that the application is returned to the examiner

- submit a revised Examiner's Answer in accordance with MPEP § 1207.02(A)(8); and
- for such further action as may be appropriate.

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